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BY HAND DELIVERY

September 11, 2009

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
State of Connecticut
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
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Re: Connecticut Siting Council Docket No. 370A:
Application of the Connecticut Light and Power Company

Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board
Docket EFSB 08-2/DPU 08-105/-8-106 –
Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company

Dear Mr. Phelps,

On behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (“CL&P”), this letter responds to your notice of September 1, 2009 requesting: a) comments as to the potential appearance of a joint panel of both applicants, CL&P and WMECO, at the joint evidentiary hearings scheduled for September 22 and 23, 2009; and b) statements of intent to participate in the joint hearings and conduct cross examination.

CL&P supports the presentation of a joint panel of both applicants, as the most efficient approach.

CL&P expects to participate fully in the proceedings and to cross examine any other parties or intervenors who present evidence.

Your September 1, 2009 letter also calls for “additional” material specifically related to the joint hearings to be pre-filed by September 15, 2009. CL&P does not intend to file any new testimony or documentary evidence specifically related to these hearings. On August 20, 2009, CL&P submitted to the Siting Council a listing of the material already in the record of each proceeding that it considered to be relevant to the issues now designated for the joint hearing, and to provide a suitable joint record. A copy

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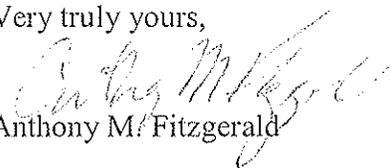
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of that list is enclosed as Exhibit A to this letter. In addition, WMECO is presently completing answers to additional Data Requests from the EFSB concerning the Northern vs. Southern Route Issue. A listing of those questions is attached to this letter as Exhibit B. CL&P and WMECO request that the responses to those questions, when filed, also be considered as part of the joint hearing record.

CL&P understands that counsel for WMECO in the EFSB proceeding are filing a letter substantially identical to this one with the EFSB.

Very truly yours,


Anthony M. Fitzgerald

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Enclosure
cc (w/enc.): DKT 370 Service List dated August 24, 2009
Stephen H. August,
Presiding Officer
Massachusetts EFSB